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Debris Removal Update – May 6, 2015 Storm

The City of Norman is continuing its recovery process in the wake of the **Wednesday, May 6, 2015 tornado** and straight line wind damage that caused damage in northwest Norman.

General Reminders Regarding Removal Guidelines:

- Residential areas eligible for Debris Removal must be located in the northwestern area of Norman as depicted on the attached map.
- Crews are working between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. seven days a week until the work is completed.
- The first pass of Construction and Demolition (C&D) material has been delayed significantly due to the intervening weather conditions. Therefore, all remaining C&D materials will be collected during the second pass of debris removal.
- **The second and final pass of debris removal began on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 and is expected to be completed by Friday, June 5, 2015.**
- Some delays may occur involving the debris removal on short cul-de-sacs due to the inability to navigate the streets with large equipment. Please be patient with debris removal crews. Smaller equipment will be dispatched to these cul-de-sacs to provide debris removal services prior to the end of the second pass on June 5, 2015.
- The public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement. Residents should make every effort to place clean, woody debris along the public street rights-of-way or drainage channels. This should include storm-damaged limbs, branches and other vegetative material (woody burnable debris such as limbs and shrubbery). This material should be cut in approximately 8'-12' lengths and stacked in piles along the right-of-way or within 5' of the curb or edge of roadway. Do not bag these items.

- Only residential properties in the northwestern area of Norman, as depicted on the attached map, are eligible for debris removal.
- Do not place debris near mail boxes, poly carts, water meter vaults, gas meters, fire hydrants or any other above-ground utility.
- Weekly household garbage and yard waste collection will continue its normal schedule. Limbs no larger than two inches in diameter, bundled in four foot lengths will be picked up by the City Sanitation Division. Larger items can be taken to the City Transfer Station located at 3901 S. Chautauqua Avenue or the City Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road. Please place the bags of yard waste along the curb as usual, but keep separate from the storm debris.
- Residents are asked to remove parked cars or other obstructions from the public street when the debris contractor is working.
- Please check the City of Norman Website www.normanok.gov for additional information and updates on the debris removal process.

For more information or to report private property damage incurred as a result of this debris removal operation, please call the City's Action Center at **405-366-5396** or action.center@normanok.gov or the City of Norman Public Work Department at **405-366-5453**.

The City of Norman is working hard to clean up from this disaster. Your patience during this difficult time is appreciated. Thank you.

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